Amendment to the Record of Decision for the On-Post Operable Unit Section 36 Lime Basins & Basin F Principal Threat Soil

The U.S. Army recently completed the Amendment to the Record of Decision (ROD) for the On-Post Operable Unit for Section 36 Lime Basins (LB) Soil Remediation, and Former Basin F Principal Threat (PT) Soil Remediation at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). The Army, in conjunction with federal, state and local regulatory agencies, has decided not to excavate the Lime Basins site as originally intended due to a significant increase in contaminated material volume to be excavated and in short-term risks. These factors resulted in a much more complicated excavation which in turn significantly increased project costs. The revised remedy will include a vertical groundwater barrier installed around the basins and a protective cover placed over the entire LB-site.

Because of this change, there is now additional room available in the Arsenal's on-site triple-lined landfill. The Army will excavate the Former Basin F PT soil project, which contains some of the highest level of contaminated soil on-site, and place it in its triple-lined landfill. The original remedy called for this soil to be solidified and left in place with a protective cover over the site.

Before making this decision, the Army held a public meeting and considered all public comments. These changes do not alter the overall hazardous waste management approach that was selected in the ROD.

The On-Post ROD, which was signed by the Army, the State of Colorado, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 11, 1996, provides a detailed description of the cleanup approach selected for RMA.

This ROD Amendment, the Administrative Record, the On-Post and Off-Post RODs and Post-ROD documents supporting the cleanup, are available at the RMA Joint Administrative Record and Document Facility (JARDF), 303-289-0362, open M-F 12-4:00 p.m. and by appointment and at the EPA Superfund Records Center, 303-312-7287, open M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The ROD Amendment also is available on the Arsenal's Web site – www.rma.army.mil

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